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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (**Currently Amended**) A method for managing energy consumption of a device, the method comprising the steps of:

defining a plurality of power modes, wherein the power mode is associated with energy consumption of the device;

ascertaining the proximity of an user to the device; and, wherein an RFID tag and RFID tag detector are used in connection with ascertaining the proximity of the user to the device; and

adjusting the energy consumption of the device, whereby the energy consumption is adjusted selecting the power mode based upon the proximity of the user to the device.

2. (**Original**) The method of Claim 1, wherein energy is provided to the device by batteries.

3. (**Cancelled**)

4. (**Currently Amended**) The method of Claim 3 Claim 1, wherein the RFID tag is an active RFID tag.

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5. (**Currently Amended**) The method of ~~Claim 3~~ Claim 1, wherein the energy

consumption of the device is decreased when the user is not proximate to the device.

6. (**Currently Amended**) The method of ~~Claim 3~~ Claim 1, wherein the proximity

of the user to the device ~~at which the energy consumption of the device is adjusted~~ may

be varied.

7. (**Currently Amended**) A system for managing energy consumption of a

device, comprising:

defining a plurality of power modes, wherein the power mode is associated with

energy consumption of the device;

an arrangement for ascertaining the proximity of an user to the device; ~~and~~,

wherein an RFID tag and RFID tag detector are used in connection with ascertaining the

proximity of the user to the device; and

an arrangement for ~~adjusting the energy consumption of the device, whereby the~~

~~energy consumption is adjusted~~ selecting the power mode based upon the proximity of

the user to the device.

8. (**Original**) The system of Claim 7, wherein energy is provided to the device by

batteries.

9. (**Cancelled**)

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10. **(Currently Amended)** The system of ~~Claim 9~~ Claim 7, wherein the RFID tag is an active RFID tag.

11. **(Currently Amended)** The system of ~~Claim 9~~ Claim 7, wherein the energy consumption of the device is decreased when the user is not proximate to the device.

12. **(Currently Amended)** The system of ~~Claim 9~~ Claim 7, wherein the proximity of the user to the device at which the energy consumption of the device is adjusted may be varied.

13. **(Currently Amended)** A program storage device readable by machine, tangibly embodying a program of instructions executable by the machine to perform method steps for managing energy consumption of a device, said method comprising the steps of:

defining a plurality of power modes, wherein the power mode is associated with energy consumption of the device;

ascertaining the proximity of an user to the device; ~~and,~~ wherein an RFID tag and RFID tag detector are used in connection with ascertaining the proximity of the user to the device; and

~~adjusting the energy consumption of the device, whereby the energy consumption is adjusted~~ selecting the power mode based upon the proximity of the user to the device.

14. **(New)** The method of Claim 1, wherein said RFID tag detector is centrally located and operatively coupled to a plurality of devices.

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15. (New) The method of Claim 1, wherein said device selects from a plurality of power modes based upon a UPIN associated with the RFID tag.

16. (New) The method of Claim 1, wherein said device selects from a plurality of power modes based upon a UGIN associated with the RFID tag.

17. (New) The method of Claim 7, wherein said RFID tag detector is centrally located and operatively coupled to a plurality of devices.

18. (New) The system of Claim 7, wherein said device selects from a plurality of power modes based upon a UPIN associated with the RFID tag.

19. (New) The system of Claim 7, wherein said device selects from a plurality of power modes based upon a UGIN associated with the RFID tag.

20. (New) The program storage device of Claim 13, wherein said RFID tag detector is centrally located and operatively coupled to a plurality of devices.

21. (New) The program storage device Claim 13, wherein said device selects from a plurality of power modes based upon a UPIN associated with the RFID tag.

22. (New) The program storage device of Claim 13, wherein said device selects from a plurality of power modes based upon a UGIN associated with the RFID tag.

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